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Akin to Vote to Oppose Democrat Timetable for Iraq Withdrawal

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Todd Akin (R-Mo), ranking member of the House Armed Services Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, said that he will vote against a Democratic proposal for a timetable for a withdrawal in Iraq. Akin issued the following statement:

“It is tremendously counter productive to tie Iraq funding to an unrealistic timetable. Such a strategy emboldens our enemies and discourages our brave men and women serving America. Of course not all has gone smoothly with our efforts in Iraq, but there have been some encouraging successes in the past several months, including the capture of some high profile terrorist leaders. If this bill were to become law it would be a huge error in judgment and is tantamount to declaring defeat.

“In addition, failing to pass a workable supplemental will cause extensive reprogramming of existing military funds causing delays and cost overruns in numerous critical military programs.

“Too much is at stake in Iraq to reduce such a serious debate of our future strategy in Iraq into sound bite politics in hopes of scoring easy political points.”